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Title: Need for adequate supply of fertilizers for Villupuram Parliamentary Constituency in Tamil Nadu.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now, 'Zero Hour'.

SHRI S. RAJENDRAN (VILUPPURAM): Sir, I would like to thank you for giving me a wonderful opportunity to represent one of the important issues of my constituency. On this occasion, I am bound to convey my heartfelt thanks to our leader Puratchi Thalaivi Amma. By her guidance and initiative steps, Tamil Nadu stands first in all fields. Especially in last financial year, Tamil Nadu recorded 110 lakh metric tonnes of food grains against all climate vagaries. The Government of India has awarded best performance Krishi Karman Award during 2012-13.

Sir, Villupuram district is one of the largest districts in Tamil Nadu where 1490 Revenue villages (1099 village Panchayats) are mainly depending on agriculture. Nearly 5,62,970 farmers are engaged in agriculture. Villupuram is the largest sugarcane producer in Tamil Nadu.

Sir, in such an agriculture district, the major issue that causes worry is scarcity of fertilizer. Major area of rice crop is planted and is in need of Basal and top dressing. Two major urea production plants in Tamil Nadu are Madras Fertilizer Limited, Chennai and SPIC Limited, Tuticorin. Both units are closed as the Government of India has not extended permission for Naptha based urea production from 30th September, 2014. The best option to solve the issue is to continue the supply of Naptha to MFL till gas production starts.

Villupuram district's fertilizer requirement for December is: Urea 20,000 metric tonnes, DAP 6,000 metric tonnes, MOP 6,500 metric tonnes and Complex 10,400 metric tonnes.

In conclusion, I urge upon the Government to supply the fertilizer on warfoot basis to save the rice crop and also take immediate steps to allot fertilizer to Tamil Nadu as before.